103D CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 4358

To express United States policy with respect to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Hyde introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "NATO Revitalization
- 5 Act''.
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 The Congress finds that—
- 8 (1) for over 40 years, the North Atlantic Treaty
- 9 Organization has helped guarantee the security,

- freedom, and prosperity of the United States and our partners in the alliance;
 - (2) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has expanded its membership on 3 different occasions since its founding in 1949;
 - (3) the steadfast and sustained commitment of the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to mutual defense against the threat of Communist domination played a significant role in precipitating the collapse of the Iron Curtain and the demise of the Soviet Union;
 - (4) in the place of that threat, new security threats are emerging to the shared interests of the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;
 - (5) although these new threats are more geographically and functionally diverse and less predictable, they still imperil shared interests of the United States and our North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies;
 - (6) Western interests must be protected on a cooperative basis without an undue burden falling upon the United States;
 - (7) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is the only multilateral organization that is capable of

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- 1 conducting effective military operations to protect 2 Western interests;
 - (8) the valuable experience gained from ongoing military cooperation within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was critical to the success of joint military operations in the 1991 liberation of Kuwait;
 - (9) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is an important diplomatic forum for discussion of issues of concern to its member states and for the peaceful resolution of disputes;
 - (10) admission of Central and East European countries that have recently been freed from Communist domination to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization could contribute to international peace and enhance the security of those countries;
 - (11) a number of countries, including the Visegrad countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia) and the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania), have expressed interest in North Atlantic Treaty Organization membership; and
 - (12) in recognition of this interest, the "Partnership for Peace" proposal offers limited military cooperation to many European countries not currently members of the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-

1	nization, without establishing benchmarks or guide
2	lines for eventual North Atlantic Treaty Organiza
3	tion membership.
4	SEC. 3. UNITED STATES POLICY.
5	It should be the policy of the United States—
6	(1) to continue our commitment to and active
7	leadership role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organi
8	zation;
9	(2) to join with our North Atlantic Treaty Or
10	ganization allies to redefine the role of the alliance
11	in the post-Cold War world, taking into account—
12	(A) the fundamentally changed security en
13	vironment of Central and Eastern Europe,
14	(B) the need to assure all countries of the
15	defensive nature of the alliance and the desire
16	of its members to work cooperatively with al
17	former adversaries,
18	(C) the emerging security threats posed by
19	the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and bio
20	logical weapons of mass destruction and the
21	means to deliver them,
22	(D) the continuing challenges to the inter
23	ests of all North Atlantic Treaty Organization
24	member countries posed by unstable and un

1	democratic regimes harboring hostile intentions,
2	and
3	(E) the dependence of the global economy
4	on a stable energy supply and the free flow of
5	commerce;
6	(3) to urge the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
7	tion to support the eventual expansion of alliance
8	membership to European countries that meet appro-
9	priate standards, including—
10	(A) shared values and interests,
11	(B) democratic governments,
12	(C) free market economies,
13	(D) civilian control of the military,
14	(E) adherence to the values, principles,
15	and political commitments embodied in the Hel-
16	sinki Final Act of the Conference on Security
17	and Cooperation in Europe, and
18	(F) commitment to further the principles
19	of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and
20	to contribute to the security of the North Atlan-
21	tic area;
22	(4) to urge the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
23	tion—

1	(A) to extend membership to countries that
2	meet the standards set forth by the North At-
3	lantic Treaty Organization, and
4	(B) to establish benchmarks and a time-
5	table for eventual membership for selected
6	countries in transition; and
7	(5) to affirm that North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
8	nization military planning should include joint mili-
9	tary operations beyond the geographic bounds of the
10	alliance under Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty
11	when the shared interests of the United States and
12	other member countries require such action to de-
13	fend vital interests.

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